GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE TO PROTECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES BY ORDNANCE FACTORY
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ordnance Factory is coming up at Rajgir;

(b) whether the said Ordnance Factory is causing irreparable damage to some protected archaeological sites in the area;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for the Ordnance Factory has been brought within the visible distance of the world heritage sites of peace made sacred by Lord Buddha?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) After survey of the proposed location, the Archaeological Survey of India accorded the requisite clearance with some conditions.